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Interview Summary	Application No. 09/817,895	Applicant(s) ONODERA ET AL.	
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All participants (applicant, applicant's representative, PTO personnel):

(1) Hai C Pham. (3)_____.

(2) Paul Fournier, Attorney. (4)_____.

Date of Interview: 12 October 2004.

Type: a) ☐ Telephonic b) ☐ Video Conference
c) ☒ Personal [copy given to: 1) ☐ applicant 2) ☒ applicant's representative]

Exhibit shown or demonstration conducted: d) ☐ Yes e) ☒ No.
If Yes, brief description: _____.

Claim(s) discussed: 15,32,47,48,56 and 57.

Identification of prior art discussed: Kobayashi (U.S. 6,088,323), Nomula (U.S. 4,967,286), Cutler (U.S. 5,967,676).

Agreement with respect to the claims f) ☐ was reached. g) ☐ was not reached. h) ☒ N/A.

Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments: See Continuation Sheet.

(A fuller description, if necessary, and a copy of the amendments which the examiner agreed would render the claims allowable, if available, must be attached. Also, where no copy of the amendments that would render the claims allowable is available, a summary thereof must be attached.)

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Continuation of Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments: Applicant's Representative points out the difference between the teaching of the Kobayashi and the claimed limitation in claim 15, which defines the light reflectance difference between the pit and the pitless area of the recording medium as compare to Kobayashi, which defines the light reflectance difference being based on the difference of the pit width. The examiner indicates that the cited reference will be further studied. On the other hand, claims 56 and 57 fail to include the specific limitation that would overcome the prior art in Cutler, namely the address information data being embedded in the optical disc. Claims 15, 32, 47 and 48 will be amended to remove the changes made on April 14, 2004, to overcome the 112 rejection.

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